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Let's chat tomorrow. we will need to formally log this into the system. Merci!

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**Subject:** Coronavirus

Hi Zita and all- following our coronavirus call today, please find attached a briefing note to the Minister that:

- a) recommends moving forward immediately on contact tracing for Hubei travellers; and
- b) outlines what steps we are taking in the immediate term to provide greater information about travellers from China

Regarding the first point, based on conversations to date with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner, including today, we do not expect any major concerns from them on this approach. We expect formal confirmation from them shortly on this point.

Please let us know should you have any questions or require further.

Stephen



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## **CBSA SUPPORT FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE**

For the Minister

### **ISSUE**

CBSA is recommending operational changes in support of the Government's response to the Corona virus (COVID-19).

### **CONTEXT**

CBSA has been asked to assist with two issues associated with the Government's response to COVID-19:

1. Assist the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) in its contact tracing efforts.
2. Provide demographic analysis of travellers from China to better understand the purpose of their travel.

#### **1. Contact tracing**

PHAC has asked for CBSA's assistance in collecting information from travelers that would allow for contact tracing. For the time being, this would be limited to travelers that have been in Hubei Province in the last 14 days, but could be expanded to other travelers in the future if required. CBSA currently asks all incoming travelers whether they have been in Hubei Province in that timeframe.

CBSA and PHAC have developed a form to request basic contact information (Annex A) from any traveler who answers "yes" to the screening question related to Hubei Province. CBSA would leverage PHAC's authorities under the *Quarantine Act* to collect this information from travelers.

Completed forms would be sent on to PHAC who would then decide whether and how to share with provincial health authorities for the purpose of any follow-ups required. CBSA would not retain copies of this information.

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If approved, CBSA would procure the form and distribute it to all major airports. Given the current volume of travelers from Hubei Province is ~70/day, CBSA could implement the form immediately by printing locally until the regular forms arrive, which would require approximately 7 days.

CBSA recommends immediate implementation of the contact tracing form for travelers from Hubei Province.

2. Providing analysis of composition and motivation of travelers from China

The Government has expressed an interest in better understanding the composition and motivation of travelers from China to Canada since the outbreak of COVID-19.

Currently, all travelers are asked whether they have been in Hubei Province in the last 14 days upon their arrival in Canada. This screening question enables CBSA to provide granular information on the composition of that group of travelers.

Annex B provides an example of the data currently available as a result of the Hubei screening question.

We are currently looking at ways to leverage our existing datasets to provide a similar picture for all travelers from China, including:

- The number of Canadian citizens, permanent residents and foreign nationals
- For all foreign nationals, the reason for their travel (personal, business, study, landing) and the nationality of the traveler

It should be noted that this data is limited to foreign nationals, and would not provide any additional insight into the motivations of returning Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

We will continue to work with the Centre and your office to determine whether this level of detail is sufficient to address questions raised about the composition and motivation of travelers from China since the onset of COVID-19.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

CBSA recommends immediate implementation of the contact tracing form for travelers from Hubei Province.


CBSA will continue to work with your office to clarify the requirement and identify options for providing additional insight into returning populations of travelers from China. We will return to you with options once identified.

Please note that I am available to discuss, or have CBSA officials brief your staff, at your convenience.

  
John Ossowski  
President

**Minister's response**

I approve ☒  
I do not approve ☐

  
The Honourable Bill Blair, P.C., C.O.M., M.P.

13 FEB 2020  
Date

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Contact tracing form

c.c.: Mr. Rob Stewart, Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Canada

### Coronavirus Form - Formulaire Coronavirus

Surname - Nom de famille		First Name - Prénom	
Initial or Middle Name - Initiale ou deuxième prénom		Date of Birth (yyyy-mm-dd) - Date de naissance (aaaa-mm-jj)	
Citizenship			
Name of Airline - Nom de la compagnie aérienne		Flight Number - Numéro de vol	
Date		Arrival Time - Heure d'arrivée	
Assigned Seat Row and Number - Rangée et numéro de siège attribués			
Other Seat Row and Number During Flight - Autre rangée et numéro de siège pendant le vol			
Full Address(es) while in Canada - Adresse(s) complète(s) au Canada			
Destination	Address, City, Province Adresse, ville, province	Date of arrival at this location (YYYY/MM/DD) Date d'arrivée à cet endroit (AAAA/MMJJ)	Date of departure from this location (YYYY/MM/DD) Date de départ de ce lieu (AAAA/MMJJ)
Telephone number where you can be reached while in Canada - Numéro de téléphone où vous pouvez être joindre			
Mobile		Work - Travail	
Home - Maison		Alternate - Alternatif	
Email address - Adresse électronique			
Expected Length of Stay in Canada - Durée prévue du séjour au Canada			

**PRIVACY NOTICE** The personal information you provide to Canada Border Services Agency is governed in accordance with the Privacy Act. We only collect the information needed for the Public Health Agency of Canada to administer the Quarantine Program authorized under the Quarantine Act. Your personal information is collected for the purposes of contact tracing in the event of exposure to Coronavirus. In limited and specific circumstances, your personal information may be used and disclosed without your consent in accordance with subsection 8(2) of the Privacy Act.

Your rights under the Privacy Act in addition to protecting your personal information, the Privacy Act gives you the right to request access to and correction of your personal information. For more information about these rights, or about our privacy practices, please contact (toll-free email contact). You also have the right to file a complaint with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada if you think your personal information has been handled improperly.



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## Canada Border Services Agency

### Chinese Travellers

### Purpose of Travel

There is interest in learning more of the makeup of travellers from China. The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) continues to breakdown the purpose of travel and has initial information regarding travellers who responded "Yes" to the special question on the Hubei province in the Agency's kiosks at our air Ports of Entry.

As of 4pm EST on 11 February 2020, a total of 1,267 travellers responded "Yes" to the special question on the Hubei province in the kiosks. The breakdown of these travellers and the purpose of their travel is as follows:

- 846 are Canadians (66.8%)
- 122 are Permanent Residents of Canada (9.6%)
- 299 are Foreign Nationals (23.6%)
  - 92 foreign nationals stated they are coming for business (7.3%)
  - 20 foreign nationals stated they are coming to immigrate (1.6%)
  - 152 foreign nationals stated they are coming for personal reasons (e.g. visit family, friends, tourism etc.) (12.0%)
  - 1 foreign national stated they are for a combined personal/study reasons (0.0% - this case is included in the above bullet)
  - 18 foreign nationals stated they are coming to study in Canada (1.4%)
  - 16 foreign nationals have missing data (question not answered) (1.3%)

The 299 foreign nationals are mainly citizens of the People's Republic of China (PRC) (40%), citizens of the US (22%), citizens of India (9%), and Mexico (3%). The remaining 26% are foreign nationals from a variety of countries.

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